

Dear Madam

I fear your Ladyship and

M^r. James must long since have given up
the confidence you once reposed in me.

It must appear to you, as if I had been
unmindful of the request you made to me
respecting my sending you some Vaccine Infection.
Be assured Madam, the very contrary is the true
state of the Case; and the delay has arisen solely
from my wish to execute your commission with
fidelity. You express a desire to have the
infection from me. By this I understood, you meant
matter that sprang up under my own immediate
management; and such I have now sent for
the inoculation of your little girl. The fact is, I

have inoculated such multitudes in this place and its vicinity, that a Patient (especially at this season of the Year) rarely approaches me, and I would not by any means after your Ladyships request, send it from the arm of a stranger. Each of the Ivory Points is coated with the Vaccine Matter. Your Surgeon will make the usual puncture in each arm, and introduce a point, where it must remain about a minute, using at the same time gentle pressure. The oozing fluids will dissolve the concreted Matter, & the little Patient probably be infected. I say probably, because, altho the infection taken in its fluid state, & inserted from arm to arm immediately, scarcely ever fails, yet when dried it is not so certainly infectious. I have therefore sent four Points and with these your Surgeon may vaccinate some little Villager, and thus give the

chance of producing this matter, in case
the inoculation on your own Infant should
disappoint you.

Both Mrs Sumner and myself were much
concern'd to hear of the severe domestic trials
you have been doom'd to sustain. How
miserably off are those giddy mortals whose
Eyes penetrate no further than earthly scenes
in search of consolation in the hour of
affliction; and what comfort must you have
received in this sad hour from your pious
resignation to the will of Heaven. Accept
our best wishes. I could wish you to be ac-
quainted with Mrs Sumner. I sh^d tell your Ladyship
how good she is, but she won't allow me. If
her health will admit of her coming to Town, I
hope to bring her early in the Spring, & present her
to you. Dr James tells me he has been more
free from Asthma lately: I am happy to hear it. Is
he attentive to my rules for diet? The enclosed
Paper is a copy of a Gazette I lately rec^d from Madrid.

Mr James and your Ladyship will both read
it with pleasure, and admire the philanthropic
spirit of the Catholic King. What a noble Enter-
prise! How strange that this should be the
only Country in the civilized World where
Vaccination is not hailed as a Blessing. But
I trust the day is not far distant, when we
may see the energies of the British Government
employ'd in establishing it among the
British people.

I have the honor to be

Madam

Yr Ladyships obliged & faithful
humble Servt.

Edw^d Jenner

Cheltenham

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Thy Mr James to accept my best Thanks for
his kind offer of assistance in Parliament - I
hope he will form one of the Committee after the Report
of the Coll. of Physicians